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# California Labor and Workforce Development Agency Announces Green Collar Jobs Council

To ensure California continues to be a leader in growing and attracting Green jobs, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today announced the membership of California's Green Collar Jobs Council.

"As we continue to navigate California's economic recovery, we want to make sure our businesses and residents are ready to compete for new markets and changing jobs," said Governor Schwarzenegger. "The Green Collar Jobs Council will work with leaders in education, workforce development and business throughout the state to ensure California is on the leading edge of the new green economy - and able to meet the job demands it brings."

The Green Collar Jobs Council is tasked with understanding the current and future workforce needs of the Green/Clean economy, developing a comprehensive strategy to prepare California's workforce to meet the needs of businesses supporting the economy and ensure that efforts aimed at improving worker's skills are coordinated and effective.

"I look forward to working with the Council and stakeholders across California to build upon the great advantages California has already achieved in advancing green industries. Devising a strategy to expand sustainable green jobs is a critical task in the current economy," said Barry R. Sedlik, Chair of the Council.

The Green Collar Jobs Act, <u>signed into law</u> by Governor Schwarzenegger on September 26, 2008, established the Green Collar Jobs Council under the purview of the California Workforce Investment Board (CWIB). CWIB is charged with developing a comprehensive workforce development plan for the State as described in the Workforce Training Act of 2008 and with federal responsibilities outlined in the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. The first meeting of the Council will be February 11<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento.

A list of the Green Collar Jobs Council members is attached.

### California Workforce Investment Board's Green Collar Jobs Council Membership Roster

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State Building and Trade Council of California Sacramento, CA

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Business, Transportation and

Housing Agency Sacramento, CA

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Labor and Workforce Development Agency

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Sacramento, CA

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California State Assembly District 47

The Honorable Jack O'Connell

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Public Instruction Sacramento, CA

The Honorable Sandré Swanson Assembly Member District 16 California State Assembly

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California Health and Human Services

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